

TOWN OF DENNING TOWN BOARD BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Supervisor Brooks.
Held on Tuesday, July 14th, 2026 at the Denning Town Hall.

Present: Councilman Gregory Vurckio, Councilman Mike Dean, Councilman Kevin Smith, Councilman Scott Mickelson and Highway Superintendent Leonard Johnson.

Absent: Supervisor David Brooks

No Public Present

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm by Deputy Supervisor, Gregory Vurckio. The only order of Business at this meeting is the Audit of Highway and General Vouchers for the month of July 2026.

July 2026 Highway Vouchers presented to the Board by Highway Superintendent Leonard Johnson.

July 2026 General Vouchers presented to the Board by Deputy Supervisor Gregory Vurckio.

Review and discussion of all Vouchers.

Resolution No. 43 of 2026 - Approval and Payment of Highway and General Vouchers will be voted on at the Regular Meeting of the Town Board this date at 6:00 pm.

Deputy Supervisor Gregory Vurckio requests a Motion to adjourn the Business Meeting. Councilman Scott Mickelson motions to adjourn the Business Meeting at 1:40 pm, seconded by Councilman Mike Dean. All in Favor. Meeting Adjourned.

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Present: Supervisor David Brooks, Councilman Gregory Vurckio, Councilman Mike Dean, Councilman Kevin Smith, Councilman Scott Mickelson and Highway Superintendent Leonard Johnson

Public Present: Paul Hnatiw

Pledge of Allegiance

The Town Clerk provided all Board members with a copy of the Agenda and Resolutions Nos. 43 and 44, and the Budget vs. Actual through June 2026.

The Town Clerk Minute Book was signed prior to the meeting commencement. Motion to adopt last months' minutes as presented by Town Clerk Nancy Parrow made by Councilman Kevin Smith, and seconded by Councilman Mike Dean.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Mike Dean AYE

Supervisor David Brooks AYE

Councilman Scott Mickelson AYE

Motion carried.

Deputy Supervisor Gregory Vurckio ABSTAIN

Councilman Kevin Smith AYE

Correspondence:

- Email received from an interested party looking for information regarding a filming permit on the Frost Valley Road on July 30th with a rain date on July 31st. Email contained info regarding request to intermittently shut down portions of the road and other filming information. Discussion follows.

Supervisor Brooks will reach out to Frost Valley YMCA regarding Camp Operations for those dates and if this would be at all feasible. The interested party was advised by return email that the Town of Denning does have a filming permit application on the website in the meantime.

- Certified Letter sent to owner of 106 Porcupine Road regarding illegal Short-Term Rental operation. The owner called and emailed Supervisor Brooks. She was asked to cease and desist renting until she has a proper permit from the Town. Owner stated she would cooperate. Discussion follows.
- Supervisor Brooks emailed and spoke directly with Jim Sofranko, Supervisor of the Town of Olive regarding their very comprehensive Short-Term Rental regulations. Supervisor Sofranko gave Denning permission to use any information needed from Olive's template in updating Denning's regulations. Discussion follows.
- Check received from Ulster County for the EMS Stabilization Agreement in the amount of \$10,157.69. Discussion follows regarding where monies will go and the bookkeeping arrangements for same.
- Retirement letter received from Douglas Dymond effective July 31st, 2026. The Board expresses their gratitude to Mr. Dymond who has been a highway employee for 37 years.
- July donation check received from the Frost Valley YMCA in the amount of \$8,300.00. The Town Board wishes to thank CEO Riel Peerbooms and the Frost Valley Board of Trustees for their ongoing support.
- Check received from Ulster County for \$4,632.03 for mortgage taxes collected 10-1-25 to 3-31-26.
- Check received from Ulster County for \$607,920.43 for Final Settlement of 2026 Tax Warrant.
- Check received from Weitsman Shredding for metal collection at the Transfer Station in the amount of \$368.57 dated June 24, 2026.
- Notice received from MVP Healthcare with proposed premium rate change for the coming year of 12.5% increase Discussion follows.
- Email received from Brenden Wagner of the Rondout Neversink Stream Program regarding commencing work at Riley Brook. Baker Brothers contracting. Calendar dates indicate July to October work schedule. Discussion follows.

Highway Superintendent Leonard Johnson reports:

- Storm cleanup report from July 4th weekend. Roads serviced included Peekamoose Road, Sugarloaf Road and Red Hill Knolls. Removal of fallen trees, cleanup of limbs, brush and scattered debris on the roadways. No structural road damage observed.
- Supervisor Brooks advises Highway Superintendent Johnson that there will be at least two (2) people on any tree work. Superintendent Johnson agrees.
- Pothole patching on the following roads: Denning, Red Hill, Red Hill Knolls, Peekamoose.
- Round Pond Road Fire – tree took wire down. Road fire extinguished and patched.
- Presents loader estimates for review by Town Board. Discussion follows.
- Discussion regarding continuing backhoe extended warranty.
- Received estimate from Peckham Road Corp. for road work if funds are not spent on equipment purchase. Discussion follows.

- Discussion of John Deere tractor condition and maintenance.

Planning Board report from Councilman Kevin Smith:

- Continued discussion of Short-Term Rental amendments to zoning law. Cap suggested to be 25, and limit the number of renters.
- Huttar subdivision presented and reviewed. Changes recommended and will continue review at July meeting.
- Supervisor Brooks and the new Code Enforcement Officer Miguel Martinez-Riddle plan to be at the July 16th Planning Board meeting.

Highway Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Johnson.
(See Warrant #7 Pre-Pay, Voucher Nos. 19 -21)

MVP Health Care, Inc.	7PP-19	DA90608 · Health Ins.	-13,709.31
Trust & Agency Account - FICA	7PP-20	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-911.37
Trust & Agency Account - FICA	7PP-21	DA90308 · Social Security/Medicare	-931.41
		Grand Total:	-15,552.09

Highway Vouchers presented by Hwy. Super. Johnson.
(See Warrant #7, Vouchers Nos. 65 - 74)

Advance Auto Parts	65	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-492.26
Big State Industrial Supply	66	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-167.76
Bottini Fuel Corporation	67	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-3,557.01
Callanan Industries, Inc.	68	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-1,009.92
H.O. Penn Machinery Company Inc.	69	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-422.74
Liberty Home & Garden	70	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-200.00
Monticello Black Top Corp.	71	DA51104 · Maint Of Streets - Contr	-1,666.16
North East Parts Group	72	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-198.54
Newburgh Power Equipment	73	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-838.98
Prestige Towing & Recovery, Inc.	74	DA51304 · Machinery Contr	-1,727.87
		Grand Total:	-10,281.24

General Pre-Pay Vouchers presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(See Warrant #7 Pre-Pay, Vouchers Nos. 48 - 60)

Central Hudson-1	7PP-48	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-417.95
	7PP-49	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-241.35
		Total Central Hudson-1:	-659.30
Central Hudson-2	7PP-50	A8160.4 · Refuse & Garbage-Contractual	-49.03
Central Hudson-3	7PP-51	A5182.4 · Street Lighting - Contractual	-182.61
Charter Communications-1	7PP-52	A1620.4 · Buildings-Contractual	-270.67
Charter Communications-2	7PP-53	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-153.90
Daniel Pierce Library	7PP-54	A1010.4 · Town Board-Contractual	-45.00
MVP Select Care Inc.	7PP-55	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-45.50
MVP Health Care Inc.	7PP-56	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-12,659.00
TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA	7PP-57	A9030.8 · Social Security	-293.46
TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA	7PP-58	A9030.8 · Social Security	-759.36
TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT - FICA	7PP-59	A9030.8 · Social Security	-351.48
United States Treasury	7PP-60	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-52.45
		Grand Total:	-15,521.76

General Vouchers, presented by Supervisor Brooks.
(See Warrant #7, Voucher Nos. 85 - 97)

Charter Communications	85	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-154.15
e-Nable Business Solutions	86	A1670.4 · Central Data Processing Contrac	-371.25
ES11, LLC	87	A1670.4 · Central Data Processing Contrac	-230.00
Jonathan Follender, Reim.	88	A9060.8 · Health Insurance	-1,230.45
Grahamsville First Aid Squad	89	A4540.4 · Emergency Services-Contractual	-2,405.75
Just Garage Doors	90	A5132.4 · Highway Garage-Contractual	-2,295.00

Whereupon, the Resolution was put to a vote, and recorded as follows:

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Mike Dean and seconded by Councilman Gregory Vurckio.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Mike Dean	AYE	Councilman Scott Mickelson	AYE
Councilman Kevin Smith	AYE	Councilman Gregory Vurckio	AYE
Supervisor David Brooks	AYE		

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Supervisor Comments: David Brooks reports:

- Miguel Martinez-Riddle, the newly appointed Code Enforcement Officer is transitioning into the role well and catching up with open permits and requests, etc.
- Dog Control vehicle is in use by Supervisor Brooks. Checking on recent aggressive dog complaints. No further complaints and no sightings.
- He received paperwork regarding the Sundown Stream Project. He will review and report.
- He will invite the Grahamsville Ambulance personnel to next month's Town Board meeting to receive EMS Stabilization check and discuss requirements.
- He did not attend the CWC Annual Meeting today.
- He reports that NYCOM failed during the recent storm and power outage. Suggestions for putting more repeaters/antennae around Town for emergency communications for the Highway Department. Discussion follows.
- Bus hung up on Frost Valley Road making a left turn from Round Pond Road. Disrupted Frost Valley YMCA camp traffic, etc. Discussion follows.
- Bus issue at Fire Tower parking lot on Denning Road today. 2 school buses parked in the parking area. Bus drivers reported kids were hiking. They were advised that permits were required for groups and that they needed to move the buses and could not return until kids were ready to be picked up. Supervisor Brooks called the Rangers on this matter and also reported parking issues at Blue Hole / Peekamoose.

Councilmen Comments:

- Councilman Gregory Vurckio reports that the most recent CWT Meeting was cancelled.
- Councilman Scott Mickelson reported on the Justice Court. Next Court date for July 15th was cancelled. There is a bench warrant out for previous matter but subject is in jail at present.
- Councilman Mike Dean reports he will check on activity at 106 Porcupine Road this coming weekend. No other comments.
- Councilman Kevin Smith reports that there has been no further information regarding the Denning Double which was a proposed hike/bike race application before the Planning Board in the earlier part of the year. He is advised to check with Planning Board Chairman Joe Sibiga to reach out to the applicant for any updates. Previously scheduled for Labor Day weekend. Councilman Smith also reports on Zoom Meeting attended with Jenny Lee and Supervisor Brooks regarding proposed emergency communication

system through Syracuse Connect. \$2,500.00 per year estimate. Service to advise residents of emergency situations. Discussion follows.

Public Comments:

- Paul Hnatiw comments on the emergency communication and fallen tree issues during power outages as we had on the 4th of July weekend in the Sundown area. Discussion follows. He notes that we still have cars and motorcycles speeding on Peekamoose Road with some specific rally cars that seem to have also been in the Claryville portion of Denning. He called 911 to report issue, but no Trooper showed up to take his complaint/statement. Most notable on the weekends. Supervisor Brooks notes that he will be speaking to the State Police tomorrow and will question it. Mr. Hnatiw also reports that he spoke to the stewards at Peekamoose/Blue Hole Parking area. They are taking 50 permits a day for cars. The stewards are dealing with the brunt of issues and doing a good job but there should be more Ranger or police presence. Mr. Hnatiw also reports on Mr. VanWagner's car/truck issue to the Board. Sundown bear sightings also discussed.

Supervisor Brooks asks if there are any further Public Comments or Councilman Comments. There are none.

Motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 7:28 pm made by Councilman Gregory Vurckio and seconded by Councilman Scott Mickelson. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Parrow, Town Clerk, July 21, 2026.

The next Town Business meeting will be held at 1:00 pm on Tuesday August 11th, 2026 at the Denning Town Hall, and the next Town Board Meeting will be held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, August 11th, 2026 at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY.